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EXPLOITATION OF ENEMY DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES

References: a. C.I.G. 21  
b. Minutes of 11th I.A.B. Meeting

Memorandum by the Secretary

1. There is enclosed herewith the report of the Committee appointed by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board at that Board's 11th meeting to consider the document situation.

2. The Director of Central Intelligence will make his comments on the recommendations of the above-mentioned Committee to the Intelligence Advisory Board at its next meeting.

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Memorandum by the Committee Appointed  
To Consider the Document Situation

1. Investigation has revealed that the following repositories of captured enemy documents in the U. S. contain materials which relate to political-social-psychological warfare::

a. Washington Document Center

About 125,000 documents comprising 11,250 cu. ft. have not as yet been processed by cataloging and abstracting on accession lists. Available information indicates approximately 70% of these documents are on political-social-psychological subjects, broken down into 35% economic, 25% political and 10% social and psychological. At present practically all effort is being devoted to translation of previously cataloged documents, and, therefore, little or no processing is being accomplished. All material at this Center emanates from Japan.

b. Department of State

About 35 rolls of microfilm received from Berlin relating to subjects under exploitation. This constitutes approximately 88% of over 17,000 frames (1 frame is equivalent to one page) microfilmed, broken down into 75% political, 10% economic and 3% cultural. About 350 frames are microfilmed per week.

Probably the most valuable source of this material is to be found in the files of the Kulturabteilung of the German Foreign Office which, however, has not yet been microfilmed. It is related to social, political

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and cultural matters within the USSR and territories controlled by it, and deals chiefly with the following subjects:

- (1) General Domestic Political Situation
  - a Nationalism in Russia
  - b State and Party
  - c Strength of the military clique
  - d Personal data on state and party men
  - e Party life
  - f Party Congresses
  - g Elections
  - h The Commissariats
  - i Leading personalities in Government hierarchy Molotov, Zhdanov, Andryen, Veroshilov
- (2) The Red Army
  - (a) Political organization of the Red Army
  - (b) Morale of Soviet troops
- (3) Trade and Communications in the Soviet Union
- (4) Conditions prevailing in Soviet-occupied territories
  - a Liquidation of owners of estates and of officers
  - b Compulsory resettlement of populations
  - c Religious problems
  - d General economic conditions
  - e Russian police activities
- (5) The Secret Services in the USSR
  - a Description, numbers, training of counter-espionage agents of the NKVD
  - b Organization, number and duties of the Commissars of the Special Division of the NKVD attached to the Red Army
- (6) Religious life and church matters within the USSR
- (7) Culture and nationalities within the USSR
- (8) Soviet propaganda activities directed against the Caucasus and the Ukraine

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- (9) The National Ukrainian Movement
- (10) Intrigues of various anti-Bolshevist elements, organizations and individuals, especially their relationship to Germany and National Socialism

c. Library of Congress

Although the Library has on hand or expects immediately some one million pieces of library materials of German origin, it is estimated that 75% of this material is duplicate or obsolete. It is not believed that more than 1% is related to the subjects under exploitation, or about 2500 pieces which should be processed.

Almost 100% of the materials received from the Deutsche Nationalbibliographie are listed, but very little of this is related to the project.

The Library has offered to provide a team of two unpackers, three examiners and two repackers to isolate materials of interest in approximately three months. Some financial support for this team for a three months' period would facilitate the operation.

d German Military Document Section, War Department

All documents have received preliminary screening and are divided into four major collections. It is estimated that of the entire collection about seven tons of documents contain material on the subjects under exploitation. It is not expected that further processing of related materials may be expected until after July 1947, due to current priorities to examine other intelligence materials.

Preliminary screening indicates available materials on the following subjects:

- (1) Reports of the German Field Armies
- (2) Records of the administration of occupied countries, including reports of agents
- (3) German Army Propaganda Section, constituting the largest source available
- (4) Records of the Russian Cossack SS Division
- (5) A small collection of Russian and German leaflets

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- (6) Microfilm of propaganda indoctrination, "News for the Troops"
- (7) Hamshofer's private reference library on Geopolitics
- (8) Individual books on Russia, Communism, Sociology, Politics, etc.
- (9) Large numbers of documents containing agents' reports and SS documents of propagandist materials

e Office of Naval Intelligence

Only two to three weeks' backlog at current rate of processing remain. Cataloging is practically completed on documents related to subjects under exploitation.

2. Detailed information was not available with respect to repositories outside the continental limits of the U. S. which contain materials related to the subjects under exploitation. This is due principally to the fact that materials are still being collected, and for the reason that materials also are being constantly shipped back to the U. S. Investigation has revealed that the two centers which should be exploited are:

a. The Tempelhof Collection Center, Berlin, which is under the joint custody of the U. S. and U. K. This center contains the files of the Kulturabteilung of the German Foreign Office.

b. The Halstead Document Center (13105), located near London, under British control but available for exploitation by the U. S.

3. It was agreed by the Committee that two teams, one to operate in the U. S. and the other in Europe, should be able to complete the extracting, cataloging and abstracting of all materials related to political-social-psychological warfare in a period of two years. It was further agreed that if this project could not be completed at the end of this period this phase should then be discontinued, pending further instructions.

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4. The two teams should be constituted as follows:

<u>U. S. Team</u>	<u>European Team</u>
2 analysts - German Translators	3 analysts - 2 German
1 analyst - Russian Translator	Translators, 1 in
1 analyst - Japanese Translator	Germany, the other in
	England
	1 Russian Translator
	to cover both Germany
	and England

5. Since no I.A.B. agency is able to provide any analyst for this project the Committee recommends that in the event that the I.A.B. approves the Committee's suggestions for two teams, the seven required analysts be employed on a temporary basis by the Central Intelligence Group, and that the operations of these two teams be placed under the administration of the appropriate office in C.I.G., which will supervise and guide the work of the teams in accordance with the recommendations of the I.A.B. agencies. It is further recommended that upon completion of their project these two teams be instructed to prepare accession lists on the subjects under exploitation for circulation among all interested Government agencies with the request that C.I.G. be notified of the specific items desired for complete translation. Based upon these requests a priority list should then be prepared for the second phase of translations.

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